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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Applicant respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office action mailed 07/17/2003 for the above-captioned patent application extending the period of response from 10/17/2003 to 01/17/2003.

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